



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held May 25, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Yaroslavsky:

“During 2004 in the State of California more than 55,000 teenage girls will have babies. The current annual cost to tax payers for teen births in California is estimated to be \$1.5 billion. While funding for teen pregnancy programs has declined, our youth population is on the increase, creating a growing need for effective prevention, education and health services to prevent and respond to teen pregnancies in our own communities.

“Programs like the Hollywood Teen Community Project, funded by the California Wellness Foundation, have worked successfully to decrease teen pregnancies through a variety of prevention and education strategies. Several Adolescent Family Life Programs in Los Angeles County provide services and support to teens who do become parents. These programs help improve birth outcomes, improve child health, reduce repeat pregnancies, and improve the overall well-being of teen-parent families in Los Angeles County.

“In order to promote public awareness about the issue of teen pregnancies and to engender support for prevention, education, health and other support services, the month of May has been declared ‘National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month,’ and local jurisdictions throughout the country have made similar declarations. It is, therefore, appropriate for the Board of Supervisors to recognize this important social issue.”

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Susan Rabinovitz, Director of Adolescent Services, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Jenna Bauman, Director of the Community Teen Project, and Dely Arnold, Project NATEEN, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles addressed the Board.

After discussion, at the suggestion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky and on the motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board declared May 2004 as "Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Month" throughout Los Angeles County to promote public awareness about the issue of teen pregnancies and to engender support for prevention, education, health and other support services.

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